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MEMORANDUM FOR: Maj. Gen. Lew Allen Jr. USAF  
Deputy to the DCI for Intelligence Community Affairs

SUBJECT: INR Comments on the Intelligence Production Registry File

In response to your memorandum of July 31st, we are in favor of establishing an Intelligence Production Registry File within the COINS system as you have proposed. However, there are several aspects of the proposed file which probably need to be discussed by representatives of the USIB agencies at an early date.

The three principal topics that require further discussion are: (1) the kinds of finished intelligence production that should be included in the file; (2) the information about each project that should be provided, particularly the desirability of including a brief description of the project's substantive scope and emphasis; and (3) the frequency of up-dating the information provided to the DCI/IC staff.

We are in the process of instituting a quarterly research program for INR production other than current intelligence and will be in a position, by late September, to provide information on INR projects planned for the fourth quarter of 1973. If a longer planning period is envisaged in setting up the registry file, we may have some difficulty in providing information on specific projects to be produced by INR but may be able to indicate the broad issues that might be analyzed in INR studies during the next 6-12 months.

While we have no objection in principle to the use of the file for determining which agency is "the most appropriate" producer (especially for projects that have long lead times or may require interagency collaboration), some problems will almost certainly arise regarding the production of finished intelligence for Departmental needs. Perhaps the best way of handling this matter is to have the judgments regarding appropriateness coordinated by the same group of agency representatives that consider the topics mentioned above.

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